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SUBJECT: MTN FRAMEWORD GROUP

REF: (A) STATE 293868; (B) MTN GENEVA 9418; (C) MTN GENEVA
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1. APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO ACTION REQUESTED REF B. DUNKEL
APPEARS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR FRAMEWORK
GROUP CHAIRMANSHIP. YOU WILL NOTE (MTN GENEVA 9649) THAT
DECEMBER 14 DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOW FIRM.

2. REGARDING PARA 2 OF REF A, WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
(REFS B AND C) MULTIPLE INDICATIONS THAT -- WHETHER OR NOT
U.S. CONSIDERS IT PREMATURE -- PROCEDURAL ISSUE OF HOW TO
APPROACH GROUP'S WORK PROGRAM WILL BE RAISED AT ORGANIZA-
TIONAL MEETING. IT IS PREEMINENTLY AN ORGANIZATIONAL
ISSUE IN THE VIEW OF MANY DELS, WHO WILL HAVE IN MIND SHAPE
OF AGENDA FOR SECOND MEETING. EC, FOR EXAMPLE, PLANS TO
REITERATE ITS TNC RESERVATIONS ON TAKING UP SOME ISSUES
NOW, THUS PROVOKING OTHER DELS TO DECLARE THEMSELVES.
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MTN DEL AT THAT TIME WILL OF COURSE REMIND THE GROUP
OF OUR FIRM POSITION THAT ALL ISSUES MUST BE CONSIDERED
AS ONE PACKAGE (AS WE HAVE DONE IN ALL FORMAL AND
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS).

3. EXITING GUIDANCE THUS APPEARS ADEQUATE FOR DEC. 14
MEETING OF GROUP.

4. FOR INFORMAL EXPLORATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AS
ENVISAGED REF A, WE WILL NEED CONCISE CURRENT STATEMENT
OF SUBSTANTIVE U.S. VIEWS ON ALL TOPICS IN WORK PROGRAM (SUCH
AS RECOMMENDED PARA 6 REF C). SOONER WE HAVE THAT MATERIAL,
MORE PRODUCTIVE CAN BE OUR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN
IDENTIFYING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES AND RESOLVING ISSUES
OF PROCEDURAL HANDLING PRIOR TO SECOND MEETING OF GROUP.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING STATUS OF THAT IN-HOUSE USG
WORK AND WOULD URGE ITS RAPID COMPLETION AT LEAST ON
PRELIMINARY BAIS. WALKER

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